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FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER FROM AMBASSADOR PORTER

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
AT UN, SEPTEMBER 24

REF: OTTAWA 2997

1. FOLLOWING PERTAINS TO YOUR SCHEDULED MEETING WITH NEW CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER (MACEACHEN) SEPTEMBER 25.

2. MINISTER MACEACHEN (PROUNCED MAC-EK-KEN) FORMER VERY ABLE PARTY FLOOR LEADER FOR TRUDEAU HAS BEEN BRIEFED TO SATURATION POINT ON CANADIAN/AMERICAN PROBLEMS DURING LAST FEW DAYS IN PREPARATION FOR HIS TRIP TO NEW YORK AND HIS BILATERAL WITH YOU. HIS FIRST DESIRE IS TO LISTEN WHILE YOU TALK ABOUT WORLD AFFAIRS BUT HE HAS INSISTED ON INTENSIVE PREPARATION FOR DISCUSSION OF SUCH MATTERS AS OIL, BEEF AND GREAT LAKES PILOT DISPUTE. AS YOU KNOW, CANADIANS HAVE IMPOSED MEASURES ON BOTH OIL AND BEEF WHICH HAVE CREATED CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON U.S. ADMINISTRATION AND WE ARE IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPING OUR REACTION. IF OPPORTUNITY OFFERS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD LET HIM KNOW THAT WE DON'T INTEND TO BE PUSHED AROUND. I RECOMMEND YOU LIMIT COMMENT ON THESE SUBJECTS TO INDICATE YOUR AWARENESS THEY ARE NOW BEING DISCUSSED AT TECHNICAL LEVEL.

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3. HIS STAFF TELLS US THAT "THE MINISTER IS AN EXCELLENT

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LISTENER" FROM WHICH I INFER HE WOULD MUCH PREFER TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS ON WORLD PROBLEMS THAN TO ARGUE THE DETAILS OF CANADIAN ACTIONS WHICH HAVE PUT PRESSURE ON BUTZ, SIMON AND SAWHILL.

4. IF PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE PERMITTED, INCLUDING A CANADIAN, HE WOULD VIEW THAT AS A REAL ASSIST WITH THE CANADIAN PUBLIC WHICH IS STILL WONDERING WHY HE WAS APPOINTED FOEIGN MINISTER.

5. MACEACHEN INFORMED ME CONFIDENTIALLY LAST NIGHT THAT TRUDEAU MIGHT MAKE HIS FIRST VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS SOON AND WOULD PROBABLY GIVE A SPEECH THERE. IF PRIME MINISTER GOES TO NEW YORK, QUESTION OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MAY ARISE IN VIEW OF YOUR SUGGESTION TO AMBASSADOR CADIEUX THAT A MEETING IN WASHINGTON THIS FALL WOULD BE DESIRABLE AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF CANADIAN-CREATED PRESSURE ON ADMINISTRATION MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 ABOVE.

6. MACEACHEN IS A BACHELOR AND "BON VIVANT". HE SEEMS INTELLIGENT AND AGREEABLE. HE ENJOYES THE CONFIDENCE OF TRUDEAU WHO PERSONALLY SELECTED HIM FOR FOREIGN AFFAIS PORTFOLIO WHICH I UNDERSTAND MACEACHEN WAS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN OBTAINING.
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